

JUBILEE SINGERS DELIGHT LARGE
AUDIENCE MONDAY NIGHT

RYMAN AUDITORIUM SCENE OF BENEFIT CONCERT FOR TENNESSEE BOYS—CHORUS COMPOSED OF PATRIOTIC CITIZENS WHO VOLUNTEERED SERVICES—MEHARRY, WALDEN AND ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITIES AND PEARL HIGH SCHOOL MADE HEROIC RESPONSE—APPRECIATE NASHVILLE'S MOVEMENT TO FURNISH BIBLES AND SONG BOOKS FOR OUR SOLDIER BOYS.

The true and tried citizens of Nashville made a noble response to the appeal for help to purchase a Bible and a song book for the colored soldiers when they turned out last Monday night to listen to the jubilee concert given under the able direction of Mr. Arthur G. Price, assisted by one hundred select voices from the citizens and from Meharry Medical College, Roger Williams University, Walden University, A. and I. State Normal and Pearl High School. In spite of the bitter weather that had been inclement for more than two weeks, the ground being covered with snow and ice, the thermometer going down as far as zero at some times, the call for help and the response made was noticeable by the white as well as the colored citizens under conditions just recalled it argued as the biggest evidence of the fact that Nashville is responsive to a righteous call. Every school in Nashville except one, willingly and cheerfully contributed a number on the program. It was the first real test as to the loyalty and devotion of the schools and citizens of Nashville. Company G, has gone to the front preparatory to being sent abroad. One hundred and fifty drafted men, members of the race, have already gone. Relatives from the Nashville citizens made up these two Nashville life in soldiers, and the movement on foot last Monday night was for the purpose of sending a serviceable donation in the way of a Holy Bible and a song book to these boys.

"It was thought that the schools that had enjoyed the hospitality of the Nashville people and which Nashville had supported so royally on every occasion, would not refuse to help in such a movement. It was expected that one united effort would be put forth and that these schools with their presidents and faculties would not deliberately slap Nashville in the face when she was trying to do something to help her own citizens, and I am grateful to Meharry Medical College under Dr. Hubbard, Roger Williams University under Dr. Townsend, Walden University under Dr. White, A. and I. State Normal under President Hale and the city schools represented by Pearl High under Prof. F. G. Smith, principal, for contributing so readily. The citizens of Nashville, therefore, know where the sympathy is and who can be relied upon to help. Those who would not help in a worthy cause like the one that was launched last Monday night are not interested in Nashville's success, as I said. While this interest would not manifest itself in the purchase of a ticket, but I mean the co-operation and the sympathy, and you may say through your paper, if you please, that the chorus that was made up of singers from almost every walk of life represented the real interest of the citizens of Nashville," declared one of the organizers of the jubilee chorus. He promised also to give an itemized statement of the receipts and disbursements.

It was pronounced by every one present to be the most high class entertaining program ever tendered at the Ryman Auditorium. The jubilee singing was pronounced by the best critics in Nashville as being far superior to that that had ever been heard. The special number by Mr. P. Windall Thornton was a gem in itself, while the duet by Mesdames Cameron and Hadley had no equal. The solo by Mr. R. Emmett Ashe of Meharry Medical College showed the ease with which difficult conditions of sacred songs can be done with grace. The reading of "Hagar" by Miss Ada F. Croghan of the A. and I. State Normal was another entertaining feature. The people sat almost breathless as they watched every move and listened to every enunciation. She simply "had them in her grasp" throughout. The solo "Carmen" by Miss Geneva Bender of Roger Williams University made such an impression that she was compelled to respond to three encores. "Old Black Joe," quartet by Miss Marjorie Coombs, Mrs. H. A. Cameron, Mr. John Hanley and Mr. A. G. Price, was enthusiastically received and they responded to the encore with "Steal Away."

The Rev. Henry Allen Boyd told of the purpose of the meeting. Throughout his remarks the magnificent audience interrupted him with continuous applause, and when he said, "We will win the war when our boys get on the firing line," the house went wild. Through the evening the jubilee singing was one of the biggest features.

Representatives from ninety-one churches showed their deep interest, and the pastors of every church in the city were in line with the movement. The two daily papers, The Nashville Tennessean and the Nashville Banner endorsed the movement.

SANTA CLAUS SPECIAL.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am still your boy and wish to be remembered this Christmas. I have decided to stop living alone. I like to have friends this month. Now, Santa, I really want to do better as I have been alone about 40 years. I think I am about to fool somebody and I hope you will help me. Persuade her to accept me.

FRED J. EWING.

AN OPEN LETTER

By A. G. Price.

Following the happy response of city and school talent that participated in the Soldier Benefit Concert at Ryman Auditorium Monday night, I think it highly fitting that as promoter I should publicly express my heartfelt appreciation for the support given me in the effort. I am also grateful to the seven or eight hundred mixed audience that braved the inclement weather to assist in this effort to supply Camp Meade with Bibles and song books.

Fisk's Antagonism.

In answer to the repeated query: Why didn't Fisk represent on the program? I wish to say, I don't know. However, when approached for a contribution to aid in what they termed a worthy movement, but at the eleventh hour, even after being advertised, they sent their regrets, assigning no cause.

Having oftentimes in the past resigned my personal interests to help represent Fisk University in the capacity of a singer, I recently felt this refusal to assist me in a benefit program for our soldier boys.

My sub-caption, Fisk's antagonism, is shown in the following: First, her refusal to contribute to the program.

Second: The announcement of their spring concert on the eve of this benefit program. When before has Fisk announced a concert so far prior to the date? Usually two weeks' notice gives Fisk a packed house. And this has been the custom. Fisk knew that we were catering for white patronage in advertising so extensively through the white press, and the announcement of her spring concert at such a time was a plain expression of her opposition to this movement.

Third: The Fisk sympathizer who reported for the Banner Tuesday emphasized Fisk's narrowness when he, with the pretext of reporting concerning the benefit program, burdened readers with his belated explanation of the origin of the word "Jubilee," the ownership of which he finally accredited to Fisk. He thus intimated that no "Jubilee Singers" should advertise except they be under the auspices of Fisk University.

I think those who know me best and of my attitude toward Fisk will readily concede that it is far from my intention to bring false accusation against this school. And if such be the case, I have repented already. We, who are interested in this school, are aggrieved by the spirit of selfishness exhibited by Fisk University on this occasion, for any movement in the interest of our soldier boys deserves the full cooperation of all. However, that abundant success may attend all future activities at Fisk is the hope we cherish.

A. G. PRICE.

JOIN SIGNAL CORPS.

Nine boys, most of whom came from the schools, some in the senior, others in the junior classes, left last week to join the forces of the U. S. A. stationed at some of the camps.

It is understood that these boys took the advantage of the volunteer system and joined the Signal Corps Department of the army, and will be given assignments at once.

The following left in one group: James Ford, William Doss, Ellwood Boddie, Baxter Scruggs, P. H. Patterson, Richard Walker, Lewis Curren. They were given a great ovation at the station by their friends and classmates.

MOORSVILLE.

All of the farmers have butchered their hogs and stored away their meat for winter, and preparing sausages, backbones, sparrins and chittlings, some one's home coming Xmas. But how shall we celebrate Xmas? It does not seem right for us to go ahead and have a big time while there is so many of our boys in the trenches or army. There is always some one who needs help in every community and when we help the needy we are only doing our duty. I suggest that everybody try to do some real good thing for some on this Xmas.

Mr. Raleigh Fitzpatrick was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Jones Monday. Mrs. Lizzie Davis of Nashville has moved back to our vicinity to make her future home. Mrs. Rachel Fitzpatrick was in Nashville recently, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Andy Record, also Mr. Cornelius and Misses Ella Jones was there the guest of their sister and brother. Mrs. Lillian Hubbs and Mr. Vernon Jones, they report a delightful trip. Mr. Harper Fitzpatrick, Messrs. Marvin and Forrest Moore with several others made a quick trip to Nashville recently. Misses Ida and Carrie Wilkerson made a flying trip to Nashville to see their aunt, Mrs. Sallie McDaniel. Everybody is wishing that Santa Claus will be their pleasant visitor this Xmas.

Death of Mr.
Lewis Fort

One of Nashville's leaders and best known citizens passed to the great beyond when Mr. Lewis Fort of Sixteenth avenue, North, answered the call last Friday morning. His illness covered a period of about two months, but it is said that failing health has been noticeable more than two years, attributed in the main to the infirmity of advanced years.

As soon as the death of Mr. Fort became known deep mourning fell over his host of friends, at once hurried messages were sent to the four children residing in different states and arrangements made for the funeral services, which were held at the First Baptist Church, Eighth Avenue, North, at 2 o'clock Monday.

These services, solemn and impressive, were attended by many of his friends who were not members of the church who came to pay their last respects to the dead. The Rev. S. Lawrence McDowell, pastor of the church, conducted the services. He was assisted by other pastors of the city. There were on the platform Rev. Wm. Haynes, pastor of Spruce Street Baptist Church; Rev. W. S. Ellington, pastor of the First Baptist Church, E. Nashville; Rev. A. O. Kenney, R. L. Brady, of Detroit, Mich., and A. D. Hurt.

The choir rendered two selections, and as previously arranged Dr. McDowell, pastor, announced that it was the special desire of the family that the services be brief and simple, making it all the more impressive because of the splendid life of the deceased who was and had been a deacon of the church for a number of years. Being the senior deacon of the church, it fell to his lot on many occasions to pass on vital questions pertaining to the church.

In Dr. McDowell's remarks, he said: "I could not admonish the family not to grieve, as I realize their loss was a great one, yet I feel we should be proud of the example set by the deceased as a father, husband and a Christian, whose very life reflected and proved conclusively that he had been reared up in the fear of the Lord."

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Mr. Fort leaves to mourn his loss a widow, who has stood by his side and who was never failing in her attention; one daughter, Miss Ella C. Fort, a teacher in the Virginia Union Seminary, Richmond, Va.; Prof. Wm. H. Fort, principal of the city schools of Okmulgee, Okla.; Mr. George Fort, of Chicago, Ill., and Mr. Jas. Fort of Cleveland, O., all of whom were present at the funeral having been summoned by wire before the death of their father.

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Solemn and impressive were the funeral services that were held over the remains of Mr. Lewis Fort, Deacon of the First Baptist Church on 8th Ave. N., Monday afternoon. The services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. S. L. McDowell who paid a loving tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased.

Mr. Fort was a member of the church for forty or more years and for a great many of these years he had been a deacon, being senior deacon of the First Baptist church at the time of his going home.

In his remarks to the family Dr. McDowell said he could not tell them not to grieve as he realized their loss was great, yet he felt that they should be proud of the example their father had set and that he had insisted in raising them up in the fear of the Lord even as he himself had lived. It was typical of the life of Brother Fort that he should love the songs "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand" and "Dark was the Light and Cold the Ground" which were beautifully sung by the choir.

The funeral was largely attended by friends of the family who loved and revered the deceased for many years. Many beautiful flowers covered the bier, lovely testimonials of the impressions the life of the deceased had made upon the givers.

Deacon Fort left to mourn his loss a wife one daughter Miss Ella Fort a teacher in Virginia Union Seminary for a number of years. Prof. W. H. Fort, Okmulgee Okla., Mr. Geo. Fort, Chicago, Ill. Mr. Jas. Fort of Cleveland, O.

A CHRISTMAS POEM.

Beneath the world in darkness slept;
And worldly dreams, unholily did dream;
But in Bethlehem where a mother in travail wept,
Shone God's holy light with heavenly gleam.

And high o'er head his star appeared
In splendor bright, far above all stars;
It shone down gently, and each shepherd
Gazed aloft to see what the wonder was.

When out of the dark and drawing nigh,
A heavenly host shouted on that Christmas morn:
"Peace unto all men; Glory to God on high!
For unto the world a Saviour is born."

Let man take hope; let fear decrease;
For Christ, the Lord of our salvation is come—
Christ the Wonderful, the Prince of Peace,
Who shall save his people from every wrong.

—Nell E. King.

MEMBERS OF CO.
G EXPRESS AP-
PRECIATION

CAPTAIN HADLEY SPEAKS FOR TENNESSEE BOYS AT CAMP STEWART, NEWPORT NEWS—COMFORT BAGS FROM S. S. CLASSES AND CLUBS AND NASHVILLE GLOBES BRING CHEER.

A letter to Rev. Henry A. Boyd of this city from Captain C. O. Hadley, who is commanding Company G, Nashville's famous militia company, now stationed at Newport News, Va., has just been received. Captain Hadley extends congratulations first to "The Nashville Globe" for sending fifty copies of the paper each week so that every member of the company has been well posted on the news happenings from their home city. He says, "We are now stationed at Camp Stewart, Newport News, Va. We were in Memphis, Tenn., about ten weeks guarding the bridge, and from there we went to Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C. We were the only colored company in that camp where there were 27,000 soldiers stationed."

It was understood that this company received cordial attention from hundreds of visitors, and especially from the officers of the Tennessee National Guard. Among the distinguished men who visited Company G, were Col. Hogan, formerly Adj. Gen. of the state, Maj. Warren of Memphis was also a caller, as was Lieut. Rye, the son of Governor Thos. C. Rye of this state. Company G seems to have left South Carolina about the 6th of December. Since then they have been located in Virginia. There is also an Ohio battalion located at Camp Stewart, commanded by colored officers from Corporal to Major. It is rumored that there will be other colored troops located at Camp Stewart, and that Company G is to soon lose its identity by being merged with another regiment.

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Mr. Irving C.
Brown Dead

The death of Mr. Irving C. Brown Wednesday morning was a surprise to most of his friends and acquaintances of the city. It is supposed that he died suddenly sometime early Wednesday morning. He was found dead. His recent illness had been generally known, but it was the opinion that his recovery was complete. He had been ill with a severe throat affliction that undoubtedly led to complications ending in his death.

Mr. Brown has been one of the best known personalities in Nashville for the past quarter of a century. Formerly he was connected with Clark Memorial, but in the later years of his life he united with the Protestant Episcopal Church and became one of the most active and consecrated communicants of the church of the Holy Trinity. For the past ten years he had been superintendent of the Holy Trinity Sunday School and an interesting and familiar figure in the lives of the children of the immediate neighborhood of Holy Trinity in South Nashville.

"Irving" Brown, as he was generally known among the exclusive white people of Nashville, was generally liked by all who knew him for his uniform courtesy to all people and cheerful disposition. He was usually employed as headwaiter in serving dinner parties in the best white homes of Nashville. He had endeavored himself to many whites and numbered many of them among his best friends because of his politeness, faithfulness and efficiency in service.

In former years he took part in nearly all musical efforts given for the benefit of the welfare of colored people. He had a good voice, read music well and rendered it in a convincing manner. Mr. Brown will always be remembered by friends and acquaintances for the unselfish manner in which he gave himself and energies to the welfare of colored people. He was intensely sympathetic in character. No home in which he was known ever had sorrow or disappointment without his sympathetic words and presence just as early as he could get there. This disposition was one of the marked characteristics of his individuality.

He was unmarried and leaves a sister, brother and relatives residing in Nashville, Chicago and other distant cities. Mr. Brown leaves a host of friends made during his long residence in Nashville to mourn his death. It is expected that the funeral services when held will be largely attended. Another pioneer Nashville citizen is dead.

The Rev. E. M. M. Wright, Rector of Holy Trinity, will deliver the funeral address and conduct the services after the form of the Episcopal Church. Mr. Brown has always been known as one of the most ardent supporters of the work of the church of Holy Trinity. He stood loyally by the Rev. Mr. Coombs during the nine years of his connection with Holy Trinity and at his death was one of the most devoted friends of Father Coombs and his family. He has manifested the same spirit of co-operation, good-will and love toward the Rev. Mr. Wright, who feels that the Church has lost a faithful communicant and consecrated worker in the death of Mr. Brown.

The Rev. Mr. Wright has appointed the following Committee of Communicants to serve in connection with the funeral decorations at the Church and other matters relating to the services: Mr. W. C. Foster, Mr. W. H. Allison, Mr. J. H. Hale, Miss L. H. Perkins, Miss M. F. Fletcher, Mrs. Florence Kemp, Miss Maria Coombs, Mrs. A. G. Coombs and Mr. Edgar Gooch.

PROF. FORT HOME ON A SAD MISSION.

In response to a hurried telegram telling of the illness of his father, Prof. W. H. Fort, A. M., of Okmulgee, Okla., arrived in Nashville last Sunday night. But even before he reached the city the Angel of Death had taken his aged father to the great beyond.

When he arrived at the station he was met by friends who comforted him and he was borne up splendidly. He made the best time possible coming by the way of St. Louis, but had connection made his arrival twelve hours late. Prof. Fort for some time was Grand Master of the Old Fellows of this state and has been known as one of the leaders in the educational world of Tennessee.

While still occupied with a responsible position in the state, he was called to Oklahoma and has served the west as he served his own state as a leader in the educational circles. In addition to this it will be remembered as a church worker he was ordained in this city and it was thought for some time that he would go into the ministry, as he preached a number of sermons that were regarded as spiritual and eloquent.

Prof. Fort will remain in the city looking after the affairs of the family until the holidays. He is accompanied by his son who, although only six years old, has astonished the people of Nashville with his unusual ability as a reader and writer. Scores of the friends to the family have become attached to this young Fort of the third generation.

Prof. Fort married Miss Janie Benson, who was a teacher in the city schools, which position she held for a number of years. She was associated actively also with social leaders of the city.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 12, 1917.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl 5 years old. I try to be a good little girl. I go to my mamma's school and can read and write, too. Please bring me a doll and swing, a cook stove and some fur, also a new dress and plenty of nuts, candy and oranges. Bring mamma, papa, my two aunts and grandma and all my relatives something nice. Your little friend,

EDITH CRAWFORD,
1501 14th ave. N.

SANTA CLAUS SPECIAL.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am grateful to you for having brought me a wife since last Christmas. I have but one other request to make of you—

D. WESLEY CRUTCHER.

Dear Santa Claus:

URBAN LEAGUE ISSUES AN
INTERESTING ANNUAL REPORT

SUMMARY OF WORK FOR NEGROES IN TWENTY-SIX CITIES—ITS HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK CITY FOR THE YEAR THE COST OF CONDUCTING THE LEAGUE'S WORK THROUGH AMOUNTED TO \$30,884.42—TOTAL AMOUNT HANDLED BY THE LEAGUE WAS \$61,000.00

The National League on Urban Conditions Among Negroes, with Headquarters in New York City, is issuing its report on work during the past fiscal year, which summarizes work for better health, larger industrial opportunities, better housing conditions, wholesome recreation and amusement, and prevention of delinquency among colored people in many cities throughout the country. New organizations have been formed within the last year in Chicago, Memphis, Chattanooga, Brooklyn, White Plains, N. Y., Englewood, N. J., Newark, N. J., Jersey City, N. J., and Washington, D. C.; plans for reorganization of work have been developed for Louisville, Ky.

The work has increased during the past year largely because of the unprecedented migration of Negroes to the North.

"Fellows" trained by the League have been placed in ten different cities.

In Chicago a survey has been made of houses occupied by Negro tenants with a view to determining whether the conditions of the people have been improved by their moving North and to expose the need for better housing conditions.

In Detroit, houses used for immoral purposes have been taken over by the police department with the understanding that the Urban League will assume the leases which in turn have been taken over by employers of Negro labor and used for housing responsible Negro workmen and their families.

In the matter of the inevitable increase in delinquency, all of the cities mentioned have dealt not only with the criminal adult or the erring youth himself, but have also taken the proper precautionary measures toward the establishment of recreational and amusement features for the young people.

Detroit and New York have, through the Police Department, had the services of special officers working from the League's office to mingle with the new-comers on the streets, in pool rooms, and clubs and other public places, to warn them against infractions of the law, to urge them to accept work and to give friendly advice to young people who are unconsciously drifting into temptation.

White Plains has started community singing.

New York has organized some six or eight boys' clubs.

Big Brother and Big Sister work has been developed either under the present Big Brother system in New York, or under a somewhat similar plan, in Detroit, Louisville, Savannah, Nashville, Brooklyn, Newark.

Special work in developing the industrial side of the Negro has been undertaken in practically every city where the League has organizations.

Special mention should be made of the work in the tobacco fields at Hartford, Conn., where 1,200 colored persons have been employed within the last year—856 of whom were students sent through the League's New York office, Philadelphia, through the Armstrong Association, has found positions valued at \$116,142.95, and furnished contracts for Negro contractors valued at \$150,239.25.

The "Bush Terminal" in Brooklyn has, at the League's instance, employed a Labor Advisor and Welfare Worker for its colored employees; and the Newport News Building Company has undertaken a similar experiment for the Negro employees in their plant. Both of the men employed gathered their experience for this work in the New York office of the League. Philadelphia and Pittsburgh are planning similar experiments.

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